

**THE CASE OF THE DETECTIVES.**  
**A Sharp Letter from the Chairman of the**  
**Citizens' Committee.**  
 As was stated in THE REPUBLICAN yesterday, a conference was had between the chairman of the citizens' committee and Judge Wells, which will probably result in the

specely bringing before the courts some of those detectives against whom charges have been preferred. Judge Wells is in thorough harmony with the committee in this matter, and has acquired considerable information himself beyond that obtained by the committee.

Among the recent letters received by the chairman of the committee is one from Mr. H. L. Davis, who formerly was engaged in the wholesale grocery business in this city, in which he says:

"During the time I was engaged in the whole-

sale grocery business in Washington, my store was broken into three times. On the first and second times I employed detectives, and paid them the value of the goods taken. A few of the goods were recovered, but not the parties who stole or who had them, and rather than to pay more to detectives, I used considerable money to have the store more proof against thieves, and was successful. I then believed that there was collusion between the thieves and detectives, and have had no reason to change my mind."

The committee state that they have for some days been aware that the detectives were endeavoring to discover their plans and who was furnishing information; and to that end have closely shadowed the National Metropolitan bank building. To put a stop to this Mr. Thompson yesterday sent the following letter to the district commissioners:

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 22, 1882.—HON. J. R. WEST, PRESIDENT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA:—Sir: It has come to my notice that certain members of the detective force, whose conduct is now being investigated by the committee of citizens on behalf of persons who claim to have suffered from the practices of the detectives, are in the habit of loitering, it would seem unnecessarily, in the vicinity of my office daily.

I am informed that their presence is regarded by parties complaining as an intimidation, and

they express reluctance to attend for the purpose of giving information to the committee while their every movement is watched by the detectives.

It is deemed proper to call your attention to this matter in order that the practice complained of should cease, if upon inquiry it should appear to the commissioners that a proper discharge of the duties of the detectives does not require their attendance at or espionage over the premises referred to. It is hardly to be supposed that the district government is compensating these detec-

Very respectfully, J. W. THOMPSON,  
Chairman Citizens' Committee.

This letter was at once referred to Major Brock with instructions to investigate the facts represented therein by Mr. Thompson, and to report forthwith.

It will be remembered that when the committee of citizens was formed it included the

name of Col. William A. Cook, whose legal acumen and long experience in district affairs it was expected would be of great assistance to the other members in the investigation it was proposed to make. It is said that Col. Cook has not acted with the committee, and that last evening after the publication of the above letter of Mr. Thompson to the commissioners, he addressed that gentleman a letter requesting him to come to the aid of the committee.

his name to be dropped from the committee. It is understood that Mr. Cook gives as his reasons for this action that in affairs of such magnitude as that in which the committee are engaged, the utmost caution should be observed, but that in this instance excessive zeal had exceeded discretion.

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**Alexandria Affairs.**

A number of colored men who left here

The Old Dominion building association has declared a dividend.

The colored man named Samuel Bacon, who came home from Pittsburgh suffering from smallpox, died yesterday morning. He was buried at night under the direction of Police Superintendent Coleman. No fear of a spread of the disease is apprehended.

The following have been elected directors of the Virginia Midland railway: John E. Hurst, William G. Young, Robert Garrett, Lewis N. Hopkins, Robert T. Baldwin, S. Spencer, James Sloan, jr., William F. Frick, and John R. Bland, of Baltimore; John McAnerny, M. B. Brown, John Parsons, and C. J. Osborne, of New York; J. M. Logan, W. H. Payne, and John T. Lovell, of Virginia. John S. Barbour was unanimously elected president.

**Holiday Presents.**  
It is truly difficult to decide what to give, as there are so many beautiful articles this season to select from. If you wish something to cost \$1, we would say to the thousands of readers of THE REPUBLICAN that the most acceptable present to a lady is one of Helphens-tine's French Square Glass Stopped Pint Bottle of German Cologne. Over five hun-

The lecture of Prof. Dall, which was to have been delivered at the new national museum this afternoon in the young folk's course, has been indefinitely postponed. Next Saturday, Prof. True will lecture, and on the following week Prof. Chickering will deliver the lecture.

THE way to produce a smile on the face of a man, suffering with a racking cough, is to make him a present of a bottle of Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup. Just try it and you will be astonished at the result.

**A Worthy Example.**  
*Fort Wayne (Ind.) Gazette.*

The opponents of Gorham will scarcely be able to defeat him for secretary of the senate. It is pretty well ascertained that he will receive the united support of the republican senators, and that will elect him. He held the position once before, and the Treasury department paid him back one cent due him from the United States when he settled up his accounts and turned over the office. A good record, and a worthy example to follow.

**PERSONAL.**

Hon. George Place, of New York, is at the Riggs.

S. J. Jumeast and wife, of Florida, are at the Ebbitt.

George Adams and family, of Wheeling, W. Va., are at the Riggs.

Senator Edmunds, of Vermont, has taken apartments at Wormley's.

Prof. W. B. Joice, of Roanoke college, Virginia is at the St. James.

J. B. Currier, of Lowell, Mass., is at the New York avenue hotel.

E. T. Johnson, of Indianapolis, Ind., is at the New York avenue hotel.

John J. Kane, W. C. Rafferty and Gray Howard, of the United States army, are at the Ebbitt.

Representatives R. G. Hott and Jay A. Hubbell, of Mississippi, left last night for their home.

Mrs. Pulitzer, wife of the editor of the St. Louis *Post-Dispatch*, with her two children and maid, have apartments at the Riggs.

T. L. Hazard, Pittsburg, Pa.; I. L. Brown and family, Mexico City, Mexico; G. V. Jance, Baltimore; F. A. Lord, North Carolina, are at the St. James.

Thos. J. Taylor, New York; Richard Tibbs, Virginia; Benj. Fawcett, Maryland; H. S. Snel, Philadelphia; Henry Lawrence, jr., G. Friend, New York; John Porter, Norfolk, Va., are at the St. Marc.

Mr. D. S. Keil, editor and proprietor of the Fort

Dr. H. A. Long, W. Hamilton, E. S. Menifield, W. S. Spencer, New York; H. T. Greenleaf, Gordon E. Wild, Boston; Dr. J. E. Reeves, Wheeling, W. Va.; George W. Christy, Pittsburg; W. W. Vaughan, Louisville, Ky., are at the Biggs.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Schneider, R. Richardson, J. Bosh, C. B. Feigman, Reginald Fry, of New York W. N. Armstrong, of Hampton, Va.; D. P. W. Mc Mullen and Mrs. Dudlane, of Brooklyn, and Mrs. A. Rhodes, of San Francisco, are at the Arlington.

accounts with the government, after having paid  
\$271,000 to the Miami Indians of Indiana,  
full settlement of all claims of that tribe for land  
sold to the government in 1825.

